

**Minutes Of The  
Original Highlands Plan Task Force Meeting  
Of September 21, 2005**

**Location:** St. Brigid Catholic Church

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Task Force Members Present:**

John Riddick, Jr.  
David L. McGinty  
Patricia Price  
Sarah A. Anderson  
Chuck H. Burke  
John A. Thomas  
Rev. Donald R. Goetz  
Mark A. Rose  
Christopher E. Ward  
Tara Hagerty

**Staff and/or Consultants**

**Present:**

Kendal Baker, AICP, PDS  
Chris French, AICP, PDS  
Steve Sizemore, Planner I, PDS

**Others Present:**

Rick Sweeny

**Absent:**

Anthony J. Urbaites, Vivian M. Knox-  
Thompson, Ted Haddox, Ralph S. Bridgers, Jr.

**Agenda Item No. 1 – Approval of minutes**

Kendal Baker welcomed the task force members and asked if there were any objections to the minutes from the previous meeting. He explained that while minutes were taken, they were not formal and that the meetings were not going to follow “Robert’s Rules of Order”.

**Agenda Item No. 2 - Discussion of Neighborhood Study Boundary**

Steve Sizemore presented the revised map of the neighborhood plan study area. Boundary subcommittee members reported on their communication with the surrounding neighborhoods. Two members were still awaiting feedback from their neighborhoods and should be expecting that in the coming days. Following some discussion on the issues presented, particularly from the Germantown-Paristown Pointe neighborhoods, the task force still feels the preliminary delineated boundary is the best case for the study.

**Agenda Item No. 3 – Discussion of consultant selection**

Mr. Baker discussed the interview of the consultants by the consultant selection subcommittee. The subcommittee expressed their feelings regarding the consultants. Mr. Baker expressed

the feedback he had received regarding the consultants and asked that the subcommittee consider issues that would relate to Planning and Design staff, especially budgetary and role issues. The committee requested that Planning and Design staff contact the references of the consultants and discuss these results with the subcommittee before the next meeting.

#### **Agenda Item No. 4 – Presentation: Cornerstone 2020/Land Development Code (LDC) & Original Highlands Demographics**

Chris French presented a PowerPoint of items from the comprehensive plan and the LDC that are most pertinent to the Original Highlands area. He reviewed the major zoning categories of the neighborhood, how they relate to the current land use, and what form districts mean to the neighborhood. There were also a few slides that describe the socio-economic trends of the neighborhood from the 1990 and 2000 census counts.

#### **Agenda Item No. 5 – Outreach Subcommittee**

Mr. Sizemore discussed the option and purpose of a subcommittee for the neighborhood plan that would focus on engaging neighborhood residents and stakeholders throughout the process. He provided a list of potential stakeholders to consider, and explored the potential means the subcommittee can use to educate others and garnish feedback for the plan. The subcommittee consists of: John Riddick, Chuck Burke, Sarah Anderson, and Tara Hagerty.

#### **Agenda Item No. 6 – Next Steps**

Mr. Baker discussed the upcoming actions to be taken by the group. Mr. Sizemore described the Quality of Life survey and how this will be distributed by email. Task force members suggested other ways in which the survey could be distributed throughout the neighborhood.

Mr. Baker passed out the Neighborhood Identity homework. The homework consists of taking photographs under two themes, neighborhood landmarks and neighborhood threats. The task force members participating will organize the photos and prepare a presentation for the next task force meeting. The individuals who volunteered for this activity include: John Riddick, Patricia Price, Chris Ward, Aaron Thomas, Chuck Burke, and Sarah Anderson.

Mr. Baker also discussed the importance of these tasks in the context of preparing for a visioning session. This will be discussed more in the next task force meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

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Chris Ward

Secretary